

In the Claims**Claims**

1. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule consisting of a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) ~~a nucleotide sequence that encodes a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2;~~
 - (b) a nucleotide sequence consisting of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID No: 1;
 - (e)(b) a nucleotide sequence consisting of the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID No: 3; and
 - (d)(c) a nucleotide sequence that is completely complementary to a nucleotide sequence of (a)-(e)(b).
2. (Currently amended) A nucleic acid vector comprising a the nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.
3. (Original) A host cell containing the vector of claim 2.
4. (Currently amended) A process for producing a polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of claim 3 under conditions sufficient for the production of said polypeptide, and recovering the ~~peptide~~ polypeptide from the host cell culture.
5. (Original) An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 of claim 1.
6. (Original) An isolated polynucleotide consisting of a nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:3 of claim 1.

7. (Original) A vector according to claim 2, wherein said vector is selected from the group consisting of a plasmid, virus, and bacteriophage.

Claims 8-16 (Cancelled)

17. (New) An isolated nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) a nucleotide sequence comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID No: 1;

(b) a nucleotide sequence comprising the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID No: 3; and

(c) a nucleotide sequence that is completely complementary to a nucleotide sequence of (a)-(b).

18. (New) A nucleic acid vector comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 17.

19. (New) A host cell containing the vector of claim 18.

20. (New) A process for producing a polypeptide comprising culturing the host cell of claim 19 under conditions sufficient for the production of said polypeptide, and recovering the polypeptide from the host cell culture.

21. (New) A vector according to claim 18, wherein said vector is selected from the group consisting of a plasmid, virus, and bacteriophage.